

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A rear suspension system of an automotive vehicle, comprising:
 - a trailing arm with a leading end portion;
 - a mounting bush for securing the leading end portion of said trailing arm to ~~the~~ a vehicle body;
 - a protrusion member having a length protruding from an outside circumference of said mounting bush; and
 - coupling means provided on the leading end portion of said trailing arm, for varying the length of said protrusion member inserted into the trailing arm in accordance with an external force imposed on said trailing arm;
 - wherein said protrusion member is provided with a round engaging part, and the coupling means includes an elastic member; and
 - wherein an axial hole is formed in said elastic member, having a width smaller than that of the engaging part; and said axial hole including a round receiving space for said engaging part.
2. Canceled.
3. Canceled.
4. (Amended) The rear suspension system as claimed in claim 1, wherein an elongate slot is formed in a front leading end portion of said trailing arm, for receiving a pin of a pin joint as the coupling means, said pin joint including said axial hole and said engaging part of said protrusion member.
5. Canceled
6. (Amended) A rear suspension system of an automotive vehicle, comprising:
 - a trailing arm with a leading end portion;
 - a mounting bush for securing the leading end portion of said trailing arm to a vehicle
body;

a protrusion member having a length protruding from an outside circumference of said mounting bush; and

coupling means provided on the leading end portion of said trailing arm, for varying the length of said protrusion member inserted into the trailing arm in accordance with an external force imposed on said trailing arm;

wherein said protrusion member comprises a round expanded engaging part with a through hole formed therein and an extension part integrally extending beyond said engaging part; and

wherein the coupling means comprises a cylindrical installation member coupled to the leading end portion of said trailing arm and an elastic member; and ~~The rear suspension system as claimed in claim 5,~~ wherein said elastic member is provided with an axial hole ~~along its axis,~~ for accommodating said engaging part, said axial hole having a width smaller than that of said engaging part; and said axial hole having a round receiving space for said engaging part.

7. (Amended) The rear suspension system as claimed in claim 5, wherein said installation member has an elongate slot for inserting ~~the pin of the pin joint~~ a pin of a pin joint as the coupling means, said pin joint including said engaging part and said axial hole.

8. (Original) The rear suspension system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said installation member has an elongate slot for inserting the pin of the pin joint, said pin joint including said engaging part and said axial hole.